

## Air Canada to Launch New Domestic Regional Routes starting July 2018

- *Edmonton to Kelowna and Victoria*
- *Calgary to Comox*

MONTREAL, Jan. 30, 2018 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada today announced it will begin new domestic regional non-stop flights on July 2, 2018. Flights are now available for purchase along with introductory promotional fares at [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com), via the Air Canada app and through travel agents.

"We are pleased to offer new non-stop flights onboard our Bombardier Q400s between popular BC and Alberta cities as we continue to strategically expand our already extensive domestic network," said Benjamin Smith, President, Passenger Airlines at Air Canada. "With the continued growth at several communities on Vancouver Island and in the BC Okanagan, we see the opportunity to add new non-stop services and provide additional convenient travel options."

"With Alberta being such a key market, the new direct flights into Kelowna, Victoria and Comox are great news for British Columbia's visitor economy," said Walt Judas, CEO of the Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia. "Air Canada's commitment to servicing these routes is not only a huge boost for the individual communities, it is also a major benefit for the Thompson Okanagan and Vancouver Island regions as a whole."

"Consistent and convenient air service is vital to connect travelers with new destinations and to entice return visits," added Lianne Ballantyne, President and CEO of Tourism Kelowna. "These additional routes support the central Okanagan's growing popularity for leisure and business visitors seeking relaxing vacations or a vibrant meetings and event destination. We appreciate the expanded global connections this offers for visitors who want to discover Kelowna's culinary experiences, year-round outdoor adventures, golf getaways, or to attend festivals and events in our lakeside city."

"We are pleased to learn of the additional daily flights between Calgary and Comox. It will give our residents additional connectivity to the rest of Air Canada's world-wide network. Visitors to the Comox Valley will appreciate the convenience of a mid-day flight in providing easy access to the incredible attractions and amenities in the Valley and beyond," stated Mayor Paul Ives, Town of Comox.

"Comox Valley Economic Development and Tourism welcomes this news and thanks Air Canada for recognizing the importance of the Comox Valley Airport as a critical transportation hub on Vancouver Island. This expanded connectivity will support increased visitation, business travel and investment, which in turn supports the economic well-being of the regional economy," added John Watson, Executive Director, Comox Valley Economic Development and Tourism.

All flights are timed to connect conveniently with Air Canada's global schedule, provide for Aeroplan accumulation and redemption, Star Alliance reciprocal benefits, and for eligible customers, priority check-in, Maple Leaf Lounge access at mainline Canadian airports including Edmonton and Calgary, priority boarding and other benefits.

Route and frequency	Flight	Departs	Arrives
Edmonton-Kelowna – year-round	AC8395 YEG-YLW	Edmonton at 08:40	Kelowna at 08:59
	AC8403 YEG-YLW	Edmonton at 16:05	Kelowna at 16:24
Kelowna-Edmonton – year-round	AC8394 YLW-YEG	Kelowna at 09:30	Edmonton at 11:51
	AC8404 YLW-YEG	Kelowna at 16:55	Edmonton at 19:16
Edmonton-Victoria – seasonal	AC8095 YEG-YYJ	Edmonton at 08:40	Victoria at 09:40
	AC8053 YEG-YYJ	Edmonton at 16:00	Victoria at 17:00

Victoria-Edmonton – seasonal	AC8086 YYJ-YEG	Victoria at 10:10	Edmonton at 12:55
	AC8088 YYJ-YEG	Victoria at 17:30	Edmonton at 20:15
Calgary-Comox – seasonal	AC8362 YYC-YQQ	Calgary at 10:05	Comox at 10:58
	AC8361 YQQ-YYC	Comox at 11:30	Calgary at 14:14

Today's new routes complement Air Canada's previously announced new non-stop North America routes beginning 2018:

- Toronto to: Omaha, Providence, Nanaimo, Kamloops
- Montreal to: Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Victoria
- Edmonton to: San Francisco
- Vancouver to: Sacramento

Air Canada will launch new international services in 2018 including:

- Toronto to: Shannon (Ireland), Porto (Portugal), Zagreb (Croatia), Bucharest (Romania), Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- Montreal to: Tokyo-Narita (Japan), Dublin (Ireland), Bucharest (Romania), Lisbon (Portugal)
- Vancouver to: Paris (France), Zurich (Switzerland)

#### About Air Canada

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2016 served close to 45 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 60 in the United States and 98 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,300 airports in 191 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax, which also named Air Canada the 2017 Best Airline in North America. For more information, please visit: [www.aircanada.com/media](http://www.aircanada.com/media), follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook.

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